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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL: MIDDLE OF FOURTH DAY

1. FAMILY ATTENDANCE. LEONID SHCHARANSKIY WAS ESCORTED
INTO COURTHOUSE SHORTLY AFTER TEN A.M. JULY 13, THE
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FOURTH DAY OF THE SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL. SHCHARANSKIY'S
MOTHER ASKED TO BE ADMITTED AND WAS TOLD BY LEONID'S
ESCORT THAT THE ESCORT WOULD CHECK. SHE HAD STILL
NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER BY 2:30 P.M., NOR HAD
LEONID COME BACK OUT DURING MID-DAY BREAK.

2. ATMOSPHERE. ATMOSPHERE ON STREET REMAINED CALM

THROUGHOUT MORNING. SECURITY PRESENCE WAS SHARPLY REDUCED AT OPENING OF SESSION FROM EARLIER DAYS OF TRIAL, BUT INCREASED LATER IN MORNING TO WHAT HAS BEEN NORMAL LEVEL.

3. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO LEONID, LIPAVSKIY ALLEGED THAT FSO'S MEL LEVITSKY AND JOSEPH PRESEL ARE CIA AGENTS AND THAT LATTER WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SHCHARANSKIY. LEONID SAID THAT NO SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS CONCERNING EMBOFFS' CONDUCT WERE MADE AND THAT NO OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL WERE NAMED. LIPAVSKIY MADE NO STATEMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH LEVITSKY AND PRESEL. PROSECUTION WITNESS TSEPIN CHARACTERIZED HARVARD PROFESSOR RICHARD PIPES AS ACTING AS A ZIONIST EMISSARY DURING HIS TRIPS TO SOVIET UNION AND SAID THAT PIPES HAD TRIED TO SET UP HELSINKI MONITORING GROUP EVEN BEFORE DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED. TSEPIN MENTIONED THAT PIPES WAS "CLOSE TO BRZEZINSKI" BUT MADE NO OTHER REFERENCES TO LATTER.

4. REFUSENIK WITNESSES AT CLOSED SESSION. REFUSENIK: SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT LEAST SIX (PRESUMED) JEWISH REFUSENIKS--ONE EACH FROM VILNIUS, KIEV AND KHARKOV AND THREE YOUNG WOMEN FROM MOSCOW--TESTIFIED DURING TUESDAY'S CLOSED SESSION. THE WITNESS FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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VILNIUS TELEPHONED A CONTACT IN MOSCOW WHO PASSED THE WORD. THE REFUSENIKS ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, WERE KEPT SECLUDED IN A MOSCOW HOTEL AND RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES AFTER TESTIFYING. REFUSENIK SOURCES WERE UNACQUAINTED WITH ANY MOSCOW REFUSENIKS WHO HAD BEEN CALLED AS WITNESSES. THE VILNIUS CALLER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW SHCHARANSKIY AND HAD SO TESTIFIED. HE DID NOT GO INTO REASON WHY HE WAS SUMMONED.

5. SUPPORTERS. GROUP OF ABOUT FIFTEEN SUPPORTERS MAINTAINED VIGIL THROUGHOUT MORNING. SAKHAROV MADE APPEARANCE AND GAVE STATEMENT TO PRESS, BUT STAYED ONLY ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES.

6. WESTERN PRESENCE. SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS WERE PRESENT AT OPENING OF SESSION, BUT BY 2:30 P.M. ONLY TWO, EACH REPRESENTING A U.S. WIRE SERVICE, REMAINED. EMBOFF WAS ONLY FOREIGN DIPLOMAT ON SCENE DURING MORNING.

7. END OF TRIAL. IMPRESSION AMONG SHCHARANSKIY SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING HIS BROTHER LEONID, IS THAT

VERDICT LIKELY BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY. THIS SHOULD BE
MUCH CLEARER WHEN LEONID REPORTS ON DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
AFTER SESSION ENDS THIS EVENING. EMBOFF WILL BE ON
HAND AND WILL REPORT. MATLOCK

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